Astyrius

(fl. c. 441 – c. 449)

BRIEFING

Flavius Astyrius or Asturius (fl. 441–449) was a general and a politician of the Western Roman Empire.

BIOGRAPHY

Astyrius was the father-in-law of Merobaudes and belonged to an aristocratic family.

He followed a military career: between 441 and 443 he is attested as *dux* or *magister utriusque militiae*. In 441 he was in Tarraconensis (Spain), where he defeated the Bagaudae. In 443 he was succeeded by his son-in-law Merobaudes.

He was appointed consul for the year 449. At the beginning of his office he was in Gaul (probably in the capital city of the praetorian prefecture, Arelate), and Nicetius delivered a panegyric in his honour.

A consular diptych produced by Astyrius in 449 is preserved at Liège. The diptych shows Astyrius seated on a curule chair wearing complete consular *regalia* and the inscription *Flavius Astyrius vir clarissimus et inlustris comes ex magistro utriusque militiae consul ordinarius*.